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JAKARTA PASS NEWSOM

FOR INGERSOLL AND MAW FROM STEVENSON AND MOORE

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TAGS: PLOS
SUBJECT: ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIA

REF: JAKARTA 9752

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF JAKARTA 9752 REPORTING ON SUCCESSFUL
MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR NEWSOM AND JUSTICE MINISTER
MOCHTAR, U.S. ARCHIPELAGO TEAM MET WITH INDONESIAN DEL.

THOUGH INDONESIAN DEL HAD NOT YET RECEIVED WORK OF NEWSOM-
MOCHTAR MEETING, MOORE INDICATED U.S. TEAM PLEASED WITH UNDER-
STANDING REACHED BETWEEN U.S. AND INDONESIAN LOS TEAM THAT (A)
INDONESIA AGREED TO PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS AND SUBMERGED TRANSIT
OF SUBMARINES THROUGH ARCHIPELAGIC LANES (B) WIDTH OF THESE
LANES "NEGOTIABLE" AND (C) INDONESIA PREPARED TO AGREE TO
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FREE TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS AND OVERFLIGHT OF BOTH

ARCHIPELAGIC LANES AND STRAITS SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE TIMING IN VIEW INDONESIA'S POLITICAL POSITION IN THIRD WORLD. MOORE INDICATED IN VIEW OF THIS UNDERSTANDING U.S. PLANNED TO REMAIN SILENT DURING UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS OF ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE WITHIN SECOND COMMITTEE.

2. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO MEET PERIODICALLY DURING COMING MONTHS AND TO HOLD DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON CONTENTS OF ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS ARTICLES. INDONESIAN TEAM ALSO AGREED TO GIVE U.S. LOS DEL ADVANCE COPY OF NEW ARCHIPELAGO ARTICLES TO BE INTRODUCED BY ARCHIPELAGO STATES IN COMMITTEE II. THEY ALSO INDICATED SPEECH ACCOMPANYING ARTICLES WOULD HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY BUT ARTICLES WOULD AT THIS TIME BASICALLY RESTATE PRIOR POSITION. U.S. TEAM INDICATED IT WOULD KEEP CONFIDENTIAL UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING OVERFLIGHT AND STRAITS SUPPORT AT APPROPRIATE FUTURE TIME IN VIEW INDONESIAN POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

3. INDONESIAN TEAM INDICATED MAURITIUS NO LONGER SEEMED A SERIOUS ARCHIPELAGO CLAIMANT.

4. FYI. LOS TEAM PLEASED WITH ENCOURAGING MEEGING REPORTED BY AMBASSADOR NEWSOM AND BELIEVES THAT UNTIL CONFERENCE PROGRESSES FURTHER, PRESENT UNDERSTANDING IS PROBABLY LIMIT OF AGREEMENT WITH ARCHIPELAGO STATES. TEAM ALSO PLEASED DEL DID NOT HAVE TO ACTIVELY OPPOSE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AT THIS TIME SINCE SILENCE OF ARCHIPELAGO STATES ON STRAITS IN PLACE OF THEIR PREVIOUS STRONG OPPOSITION TO U.S. POSITION, AND THE ADVANTAGE U.S. GAINED IN INFLUENCING NEGOTIATIONS ON ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT ARE OF STRONG BENEFIT TO U.S. LOS POSITION AT CONFERENCE. ACTIVE OPPOSITION AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE HAD BAD EFFECT WITH STATES SUCH AS AUSTRALIA, WHICH HAVE COOPERATED WITH U.S. OBJECTIVES AS LONG AS THEY BELIEVED NEGOTIATION PROCEEDING WELL. UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, PRESERVED FULL CREDIBILITY OF U.S. INDICATION THAT IF APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT NOT REACHED ON STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGO, U.S. WOULD OPPOSE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT.

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